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How legged men, as usual, will be the first to adopt next season's skin tight trousers.

A New York policeman inadvertently arrested his wife for drunkenness. Trouble brewing.

Andrew Carnegie is a sufferer from insomnia. Has he ever tried a post man's pillow for it?

The standing army of the Panama Canal has been reduced to twenty-five men—all generals, of course.

These Turkish troops that are demanding their pay seem to be the Sultan's badly lacking in patriotism.

Could, after seeing the average married couple safely through the honeymoon, pass off on a long vacation.

The minister who thought he would be "more needed" in his fasted forty days has now no utility at all. He is dead.

Mrs. Emma Barnes is said to be as "moderately" as even. The description somewhat reminds one of the cream.

That American actress who refused to pay \$70,000 for a court may have reasoned that this was an overcharge of \$69,999.99.

John Kruger left a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000. John Bull must admit now that the war in South Africa was in a sense a failure.

When a child with one twisted foot is thankful the other is straight, the properly possessed should try to escape from himself.

A slim attendance is reported for the New York horse show. The women couldn't have been a very attractive lot this time.

The French sardine crop is a failure this year. No matter. It will cost no more to put a French label on the Maine sardines.

The football season is ended for this year. Now if they will please quit raising the price of meat, good cheer may be expected to prevail.

That Pennsylvania man who married a widow after a platonic friendship of twenty-five years must now admit that the elder Wilber was right.

This sudden thrusting of the zemstvo into public notice is causing a great many busy people to drop everything and run to their eyeglasses.

"Every mail brings Nan Patterson offers of marriage." And still there are people who affect not to believe in Max Nordau's theory of degeneration.

From the revelations in the matter of the failure of a "women's broker" it would seem that the sucker that is born every minute has a dear little twin sister.

The people of New York might pay off their public debt by holding court in Madison Square Garden and charging admission for the depositions.

A scientist says that pumpkin pie is filled with microbes. That is better than having the microbes filled with pumpkin pie, for then wouldn't they be left for the rest of us?

John W. Gates was in an automobile accident in New York the other day. The car upset and the chauffeur was seriously hurt. Nothing happened to Gates. Nothing ever does.

A Philadelphia society girl actress has gone to work as a cook. There are a battalion of other society girl actresses who, if they can't cook at all, can at least cook as well as they can act.

The letters of Queen Victoria are to be published, after being edited by friends of the royal family. We have no doubt that it will be quite safe to place the book in the hands of young girls.

"Baffin No. 1" of the National Mosquito Extirpation Society has just been issued. Evidently the society believes it will be necessary to work overtime if the mosquitoes are ever to be exterminated.

The beauty editor of the Chicago Record-Herald says a mother should always encourage her daughter to consult the mirror frequently. Most mothers will not find that this duty makes life unduly strenuous.

A rim on a Cleveland bank was stopped the other day by the arrival of an automobile at the bank loaded with money for the deposit. The circumstances of the driver might be excused for violating the speed limit.

A Pennsylvania crowd flocked up the contents of a two gallon can of green paint the other day and to the delight of her owner lived. She was probably trying to color her interior in accordance with the modern trend lines of animal painting.

There were 60,000 divorcees in the United States last year, or an average of nearly seven for every hour of the day and night. The divorce industry, the business of making and unmaking nice little marriages appears to have become a great national industry.

At a recent Chicago wedding one of the musical features was the whistling by an expert of "Oh Promise Me" as a substitute for the wedding march. Why didn't they have the bride come down the aisle whistling "I'd Leave My Happy Home for You"?

John Morley was surprised to discover that there are students in Harvard who get their education and earn their way at the same time. When he gets back to England, he may be shocked by the "Americanism" which this system produces, but anyway he'll know the reason now.

Probably one thing that inspires the Russian nobles in their opposition to the zemstvos is the thought that under the new regime they might be obliged to quit loafing and go to work and go to work for a living.

Missouri Doings

FOLK SAYS EXPENSES IN CAMPAIGN WERE \$2420

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—The election expenses of the Democratic State Central Committee of Missouri, the City Central Committee of St. Louis and many of the candidates for State offices, including Governor-elect Falk, were filed last week.

Mr. Falk's election expenses were sworn to as \$2,420, including a contribution of \$1,000 to the State Democratic campaign fund, \$775 for hotel and traveling expenses and \$645 for railroad fare and nomination expenses.

The expenses of the State Central Committee are given as: \$27,226.35, with a balance of \$1,775.85. The total receipts from collections of the candidates and contributions to the fund were \$29,452.20.

Chairman John R. McCarthy of the City Central Committee swears that no expenses were incurred by this committee, due to the fact that the Jefferson Club conducted the campaign and here the election expenses.

The following contributions were received: R. H. Olesky, \$200; Sam R. Cook, \$200; Joseph Cowley, \$200; A. M. Woodson, \$250; H. C. Timmons, \$500.

The following expense accounts were also filed: Ambrose J. Riley, \$200; Henry S. Canfield, \$200; R. H. Cook, \$200; Joseph Cowley, \$200; A. M. Woodson, \$250; H. C. Timmons, \$500.

Jeffrey was experienced in reading the reports of the St. Louis conditions for the different offices. Paul Hertzog, who ran for Congress in the Sixth District, swore to \$5 for "literature." Louis Votaw, \$2 for "literature." Sam W. Neumann, \$1.50 for "literature." These, however, who ran for "Literature" \$2 for "Literature."

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Employees on a Strike Because of Difficulty Over Laying Floor.

St. Louis, Mo., Following the Heinricher charges comes the news that the work on the construction of the new poorhouse annex is at a standstill, owing to the strike of the employees.

The charges against Building Commissioner Heinricher arose regarding the construction of this building. Last week the involved commissioner instructed the McClure Construction Company, which has the contract for the erection of the building, to proceed with the work, but it is understood the order was not complied with.

It is said the dispute which brought the work to a standstill arose over a difference among the workmen as to the proper persons to lay the floor, the flooring being of concrete and stone.

Secretary Stanger of the Building Trades Council is credited with saying that a bill was called because the contractors had engaged nonunion men.

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JAPS TO CEASE GREAT SACRIFICES

Disabling of Russian Fleet Has Been Object of Desperate Assaults.

Tokio, in disabling the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, precluding the possibility of its being able to further re-enforce the Russian second Pacific squadron, the Japanese have accomplished the main object of the desperate assault against the fortress which they have been making for the last three months.

There is now a strong probability that, while continuing the siege, they will avoid losses of the magnitude of last week's, by attacking the fortress from the rear, and by cutting off the communication with the harbor until it is finally captured.

The latest observations of the Japanese commanders in front of Port Arthur show that there is no activity in the rear of the fortress, and that the Russian fleet, even at the cost of scattering the effective squadron.

Now that the Port Arthur fleet has been disabled, it is deemed impossible for the Russians to maintain the superiority of the second Pacific squadron to Tokyo's fleet, unless, at present, the fleet is sent to the Dardanelles.

Gov. Wright Returns to Manila from Tour of Philippine Islands.

Manila, Gov. Wright and Commissioner Forbes returned Thursday from a tour of the Philippine Islands. They were deeply impressed by the widespread co-operation between the people and the officials. All the provinces are quiet, except Samar, where the Puljanags, who are being constantly hunted by the military and police, are still active in the jungles and hills. The rice crop is remarkable and hemp is plentiful. The people are contented, and are becoming more prosperous. They realize the necessity for industrial improvement.

Governor Wright and Commissioner Forbes were given numerous ovations in Samar. In Mindanao they held conferences with Datto Piang in the Cotabato district, thirty miles in the interior. Datto Piang still remains hostile to the Americans. He, however, has few supporters.

An inspection was made of the Lake Lanao district, which was found to be generally quiet. Troops are actively patrolling the lake. A few roads are watched except the Camp Vicars highway.

The island of Leyte has exported hemp to the value of \$200,000.

During an inspection of Samar Gov. Wright and Mr. Forbes saw two spies who had been captured by Philippine forces in the vicinity of their camp. Their lips were amputated, after which they were released and given a note signed by the bandit leader, saying: "This was your spy."

At Surabunga, in the province of Albay, island of Luzon, a schoolhouse is being built that will cost \$50,000. The money has been subscribed by the residents.

Russian Battle Ship Hard Hit. Tokyo, As a result of the continuous bombardment of the Japanese of Port Arthur, the battleships by using 203-meter hill as an observation point, have discovered that one of the Russian battle ships has been sunk by a heavy shot. Owing to the fog, the vessel is not clearly discernible, but it could be seen that the damaged warship was a battle ship.

Zemstov's Proposals Shelved. St. Petersburg, The resolutions recently adopted by the representatives of the zemstvos have been remitted to the council of state for a report. The council consists chiefly, in addition to the senior members of the zemstvos, of representatives of the zemstvos, of representatives of the zemstvos, of representatives of the zemstvos.

To Amend Canteen Law. Washington, Senator Proctor Wednesday introduced a bill providing for the repeal of the law which prohibits the sale of beer in any post exchange or canteen at posts located in states where such sale is prohibited by the law of the state.

Good Rain at Versailles. Versailles, Mo., A slow, soaking rain fell here Friday night and Saturday morning. In addition to reviving pastures and greatly benefiting when the rain will serve to enrich the soil.

No Trace of Man Found. Coffeyville, Kas., A. B. Hunt was killed by an explosion of a magazine containing 800 pounds of nitroglycerine at a shooter of the Kansas Torpedo Company Friday. Nothing can be found of his body, two horses and a wagon of the shooter.

Mother of Congressman DeArmond. Butler, Mo., Mrs. Catherine DeArmond, mother of Congressman DeArmond, died suddenly at her home here Friday, aged 90 years. Death was due to extreme old age.

Gates at Grade Crossings. Chicago, Ala., Governor Gates crossed in this city have been equipped with gates during the past two months this action being in compliance with a recent city ordinance.

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PEORIA BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT AT TOULON WITH PLUNDER

Peoria, Ill., The two bandits who robbed the Peoria National Bank Saturday at noon were captured at Toulon Sunday morning, thirty-seven miles from this city, by Sheriff Thomas Malone and Deputy Sheriff Davis.

The robbers had \$1,500 of the plunder in their pockets.

At the point of three revolvers the two men were surprised in Robert county, Ill., where they were waiting for a horse to be hired for a ride. A busy search through their pockets revealed five large revolvers and several big rolls of greenbacks.

When confronted with the weapons of the Sheriff and his Deputy they started to get their own revolvers.

"Hands up or we'll shoot," was the great command of the Sheriff, and the robbers, seeing their game was up, kept their hands in the air.

As soon as the robbers had been placed in the bars of the Stark county jail, the authorities of Peoria county were notified and Sheriff Potter with Deputy Sheriff left in an automobile for Toulon.

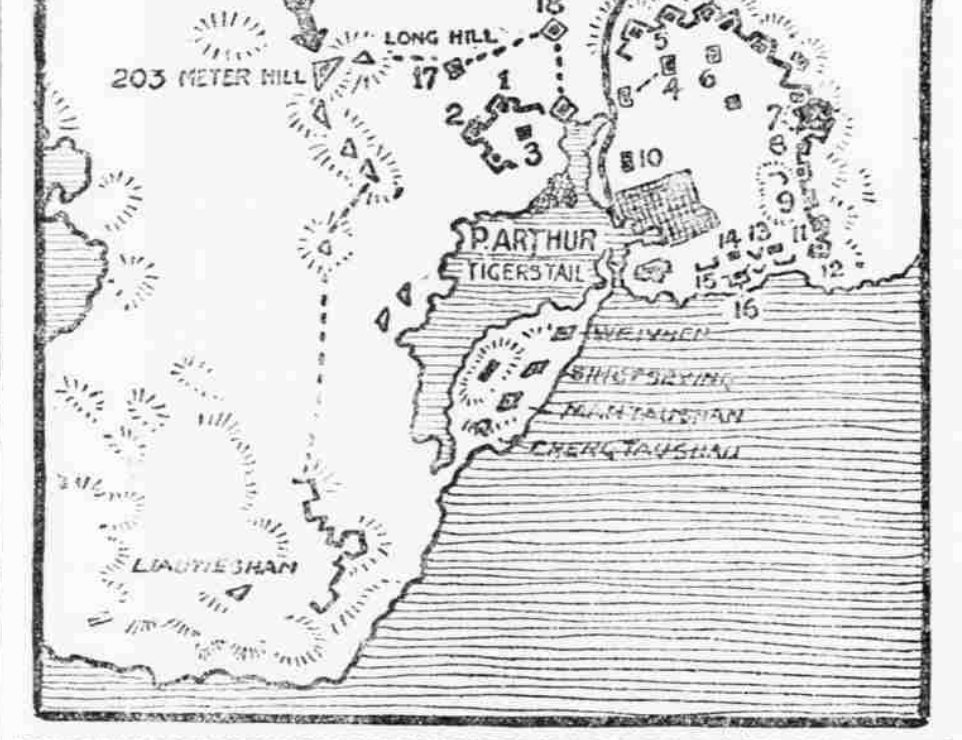
One of the robbers captured has been shown positively identified as Edward Oregon, alias Jim Williams, the day a Chicago crook, who is listed in the Rogues' Gallery as having done time for robbery. His pal is thought to be Reindeer Lutz, a Chicago crook with a criminal record, although the officers are not sure as to his identity.

After holding up the former on the Knoxville road Saturday night, the men were not heard of until they entered Wyoming about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. They ate breakfast at a restaurant and then went to Ross's livery stable and asked for a horse and buggy to drive to Toulon. Russell suspected the men were possibly the Peoria robbers and telephoned Sheriff Malone at Toulon.

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LOCATION OF 203 METER HILL, WHICH THE JAPANESE HAVE CAPTURED.



FIRST SNOW FALLS IN ST. LOUIS. White Blanket, Two Inches Deep, Covers City—Fall General Elsewhere.

St. Louis, The first snow of the season fell in St. Louis at 2:40 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Six hours later a white blanket of an average depth of 1 1/2 inches was spread over the city.

Sunday's snow, which was the latest "first snow" in St. Louis in twenty years. The exception was in 1900, when the first snow here fell on December 23. For a first snow the fall was unusually heavy for St. Louis, according to the records of the city.

It was a wet, packing snow, and one which found the ground frozen just hard enough to keep it from melting. Being Sunday, it remained on the downtown streets longer than usual, as but few vehicles disturbed the white surface with tracks.

At this stage of the public demonstrations they suddenly emerged, the mounted men charging the crowd at a full gallop. The whole assemblage was driven out of the roadway to the crowd screaming in terror.

A great number of arrests were made. It was said that some fifty persons sustained wounds and bruises more or less serious. Many students were seen fleeing with their hands and faces covered with blood. The actual demonstration lasted about two hours, but order was not completely restored for another two hours.

Fall of Snow General. Chicago, The heaviest snowstorm in Chicago this winter reached here Sunday morning, and by night 4 inches of snow covered the ground. A heavy fall of snow, which prevailed throughout the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and the northwestern part of Indiana.

Lyman J. Gage Seriously Ill. New York, With a temperature that registered 104 Sunday morning Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage was ill in this city. He has been sick for almost a week from inflammatory rheumatism.

History of Vandalla Published. Vandalla, Ill., A souvenir history of Vandalla, representative of the eighty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the first capital of Illinois has just been compiled by Colonel R. W. Ross and Lon S. Matherly of this city.

Seventeen Miles Burn in Barn. Armstrong, Mo., The stock barn of Col. D. A. Pierce, a mile away, near town, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Seventeen head of miles, four horses and a large quantity of feed and several vehicles were burned. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,100.

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TILLMAN BRINGS UP THE CRUM CASE

House Starts Annual Fight on the Civil Service Commission.

Washington, The Senate held only a short session Thursday and adjourned until Monday. Mr. Tillman brought the case of William D. Crum, the colored man nominated for collector at Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the committee on judiciary, for the status of recess appointments. He asked Mr. Platt of Connecticut, acting chairman of the committee on judiciary, for an explanation.

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Mr. Platt also said that he did not feel called upon to answer a hypothetical question as to the powers of the committee. He could only promise at this time to ask the committee to consider the resolution and if it should take action and that action should not be of the nature of a resolution, of course, could follow any line of action which might commend itself to him.

Replying Mr. Tillman said that he did not intend to make any tactical connection with the recess appointment for the purpose of thwarting the will of the President, but he felt called upon to antagonize confirmation until the committee report could be received.

The annual bill on the civil service, introduced by Senator Tillman, during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. The opposition came from Messrs. Bartlett of Georgia, Hepburn of Iowa and Grosvenor of Ohio. Mr. Hepburn moved to amend the bill so as to provide for the re-organization and force of clerks at the same time denouncing the civil service as not having improved since the days of the spoils system, but, on the contrary, as growing less and less efficient.

The discussion, however, on some sentimental comment on the late presidential election. It related to the lack of votes which were cast for Judge Parker, Mr. Williams of Mississippi and Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio participated in this feature of the debate.

The session lasted five hours and fifteen minutes.

BOTH HOUSES LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE.